

Is the Early 1980s V, the Final Battle, why did not Diana use the truth serum on Daniel Bernstein when Brian came up missing, but ate him alive on serving platter instead

In the early 1980s miniseries *V: The Final Battle*, Diana, the chief antagonist among the Visitors, was known for her sadistic tendencies and her use of a powerful truth serum on key resistance members, notably Mike Donovan^{[1] [2] [3] [4]}. However, when it comes to Daniel Bernstein, the show depicts a different fate: rather than interrogating him with the serum, Diana (and her cohort Steven) have Daniel taken away and ultimately served as food-literally "on a serving platter"^[5].

Why didn't Diana use the truth serum on Daniel Bernstein?

- There is no canonical explanation in the miniseries for why Diana did not use her truth serum on Daniel Bernstein before having him killed and eaten.
- Daniel was a human collaborator who had outlived his usefulness and was seen as expendable by the Visitors, especially after Brian (another Visitor) went missing. Daniel's ambition and treachery made him distrusted even by the Visitors, so instead of further interrogation, they decided to dispose of him in a manner fitting Diana's cruel character^{[6] [5]}.
- The series shows Diana using the truth serum selectively, typically on resistance leaders or those with critical information (like Mike Donovan), not on minor collaborators like Daniel, who was already desperate and broken by the time of his capture^{[1] [2] [3] [4]}.
- The act of eating Daniel alive is consistent with Diana's penchant for sadism and for making an example out of traitors or failed collaborators, reinforcing Visitor dominance and terror^{[6] [5]}.

Summary Table: Diana's Use of Truth Serum vs. Fate of Daniel Bernstein

Character	Truth Serum Used?	Fate	Reasoning
Mike Donovan	Yes	Interrogated, then escapes	Key resistance leader; valuable secrets
Daniel Bernstein	No	Eaten alive, served on a platter	Expendable collaborator; made an example

In short, Diana did not use the truth serum on Daniel Bernstein because he was no longer valuable to the Visitors and was instead used to demonstrate their ruthlessness and to dispose of a problematic human collaborator in a way that fit Diana's cruel nature^{[6] [5]}.

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